

INAUGURATION DAY

A NEW ERA

Murphy vows ‘a stronger, fairer New Jersey’



Supreme Court Chief Justice Stuart Rabner shakes the hand of Phil Murphy after he is sworn in as the 56th governor of New Jersey at the War Memorial in Trenton on Tuesday. “We can once again be the state that leads the nation in progressive policies and puts common sense and our residents first in line,” Murphy said. Photos by Ed Murray, NJ Advance Media for The Star-Ledger



Lt. Gov. Sheila Oliver takes the oath of office. Oliver, who will also be commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, received a standing ovation when she said she is New Jersey’s “first woman of color serving in a statewide office.”

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He took the oath on John F. Kennedy’s Bible. He touted the diversity of his Cabinet, signed an equal pay executive order within hours of taking office and pledged to fight President Donald Trump’s administration at every turn. Phil Murphy became New Jersey’s 56th governor on Tuesday, ushering in a new progressive era after eight years of Republican rule under Chris Christie. Murphy, a Democrat entering elected office for the first time, was sworn in just before noon during a ceremony at the Patriots Theater at the War Memorial in Trenton. The 60-year-old Middletown resident served as U.S. ambassador

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WASHINGTON

Booker blasts Trump official on vulgar remark

Security chief, who attended meeting, says she ‘did not hear that word used’

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Sen. Cory Booker said at a Senate committee hearing that he was “seething with anger” over President Donald Trump’s remarks on immigration, berating Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen for “convenient amnesia.”

Booker, D-N.J., used his maiden hearing as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee to criticize Trump’s description of Haiti and some African nations as “shithole countries” during a meeting last Thursday with members of Con-

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gress that Nielsen attended.

“I had tears of rage,” Booker said after Senate Democratic Whip Dick Durbin of Illinois recounted Trump’s words to him.

During the committee hearing, Nielsen told Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., that she “did not hear that word used.”

“The conversation was very impassioned,” she told Leahy. “I don’t dispute that the president was using tough language. Others in the room were also using tough language.”

Nielsen said Trump was frustrated that lawmakers were proposing to pay only part **SEE BOOKER, 8**

IN NEW JERSEY



From old junk to Old Master

Three New Jersey brothers got a million-dollar surprise at auction when an unidentified painting that belonged to their parents was discovered to be a Rembrandt. **Page 13**